

ESSB 6002 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-4473.1/14) **828**

By Representative Schmick

ADOPTED 03/04/2014

1 On page 30, line 10, increase the general fund-state appropriation
2 for fiscal year 2015 by \$300,000

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4 On page 30, line 26, correct the total appropriation

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6 On page 35, after line 15, insert the following:

7 "(13) \$300,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
8 year 2015 is provided solely for an evidence-based comprehensive study
9 and progress report of staffing ratios and safety assessments in
10 department of corrections facilities. For the purposes of this study,
11 "department of corrections facilities" means facilities operated by
12 the department of corrections to house persons convicted of a criminal
13 offense who are in full confinement. The office of financial
14 management shall contract with consultants with expertise related to
15 the subject matters included in this study. The office of financial
16 management and the consultants shall consult with (i) the department
17 of corrections, (ii) stakeholder groups that represent the people
18 served in these institutions, (iii) labor organizations that represent
19 employees who work in these institutions; and (iv) other persons or
20 entities with expertise in the areas being studied. In conducting this
21 study, the consultants shall consider the following factors as
22 appropriate:(i) the number and type of staff at each of the department
23 of corrections facilities; (ii) the adequacy and costs of current
24 staffing at department of corrections facilities; (iii) the need,
25 availability, and costs of improving staffing at department of
26 corrections facilities; (iv) the geographic factors associated with
27 staffing department of corrections facilities, including the impact of

1 staffing on the local economy and the economic impact of reducing or
2 increasing staffing at department of corrections facilities; (v) the
3 safety of employees at department of corrections facilities including
4 all reported incidents of assault or other crimes committed against
5 such employees; (vi) a review of the all security-related policies and
6 procedures at department of corrections facilities; (vi) the
7 implementation and consistent application of policy recommendations
8 resulting from the national institute of corrections review of prison
9 safety and the statewide security advisory committee regarding
10 security issues in department of corrections facilities as provided
11 for in Chapter 252 Laws of 2011, (ESB 5907). The office of financial
12 management shall submit a final report to the governor, the house of
13 representatives and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of
14 the legislature by December 1, 2014. The report shall provide any
15 recommendations and a plan, if necessary, to improve staffing ratios
16 and employee safety at department of corrections facilities. The
17 report shall include an individual assessment of staffing and safety
18 at each department of corrections facility, and any costs or savings
19 associated with each recommendation. The office of financial
20 management shall submit a report on the progress by the department of
21 corrections of implementing the recommendations and plan to the same
22 committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2015."

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EFFECT: Provides funding for the Office of Financial Management to conduct a comprehensive study and issue progress reports on staffing ratios and safety assessments in Department of Corrections facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$300,000.

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